Statement-II

Details of subsidy released by NCDC & number of godowns constructed/completed

(Rural godown scheme)

S.No.	State	Total subsidy released (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of godowns constructed/ completed
1.	Uttar Pradesh	209.16	11
2.	Gujarat	29.73	2
3.	Madhya Pradesh	254.990	101
4.	Maharashtra	84.94	8
5.	Haryana	8.990	1
6.	Uttranchal	26.625	7
7.	Kerala	24.995	7
8.	Chhatisgarh	477.880	77
9.	Tamil Nadu	17.990	1
10.	Himachal Pradesh	19.998	30
	TOTAL	**1155.298**	**245**

Procurement of oil palm from Karnataka

4651. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre had procured oil palm from Karnataka during 2000-01;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that full amount for the procurement made has not been released, so far; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and by when the balance amount would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On the request of Government of Karnataka, the Central Government implemented Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of 5000 Metric Tonnes Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) of oil palm in Karnataka at the Market Intervention Price of

Rs. 2750/- per Metric Tonne FFBs of oil palm from 18.02.2000, 17.08.2000. A total quantity of 3189.768 Metric Tonnes FFBs of oil palm was procured by Karnataka Cooperative Oilseeds Grower's Federation Ltd. (OILFED) Karnataka, under MIS during this period. Under the Scheme, loss if any, is shared by the Central Government and the State Government on 50:50 basis. The accounts of full quantity of 3189.768 Metric Tonne FFBs of oil palm procured under the approved MIS during 2000-2001 have been settled and the Central Government's share of loss amounting to Rs. 7,97,442.00 has been released to the Government of Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Biotechnology in Agriculture

4652. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1046 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 2004 and state the details of outcome inter-ministerial consultations in respect of the recommendations of the task force on Application of Bio Technology in Agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): The Government have examined the report of the Task Force on Application of Biotechnology in Agriculture on the basis of the Inter-ministerial consultations and have decided priorities for implementation as given in enclosed statement.

Statement

Priorities for Agri-Biotechnology

1. Finalisation of National Biotech Policy by the Department of Biotechnology.
2. Rationalisation of approval process under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 as suggested by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan's Task Force.
3. Release of Bt. Cotton varieties for North Zone.
4. Post-release monitoring to be started by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
5. Capacity building for post-release monitoring and training.
6. Public awareness campaign to be launched by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in association with State Agricultural Universities and other scientific organizations/institutes.